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1. Possible Western action on Austrian treaty negotiations--  
According to US Representative Reber now in Paris, French representatives agree that if the USSR continues to stall on the Austrian treaty negotiations, the three Western Powers may be forced to do something "spectacular" to demonstrate that only the Soviet attitude blocks progress on the treaty. In discussing with Reber the possibility of a tripartite approach to Moscow, the French are inclined to agree that if the Soviet Deputy continues his delaying tactics at the new meetings beginning 9 January, such a joint Western approach should be made within a few days after the talks are resumed.

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